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SUBJ: W/W AMCITS IN TURKISH-HELD AREA

REF: (A) NICOSIA 0653 (B) STATE 036718

1. AS REQUESTED PARA 2 REF A, DCM ON FEBRUARY 19 SENT LETTER TO MFA DIRGEN POLITICAL AFFAIRS TEZEL CONTAINING LIST OF MISSING AMERICAN CITIZENS IN TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS AND REQUESTING INFORMATION CONCERNING THEM. (THIS HAS BEEN METHOD BY WHICH THIS EMBASSY HAS NOTIFIED TO MFA WHEREABOUTS AND WELFARE CASES AS WELL AS AMERICAN-OWNED PROPERTY IN TURKISH AREAS.)

2. IN EARLY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 20 MFA DIRGEN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AFFAIRS SOYLEMEZ CALLED DCM TO STATE THAT TEZEL CALLED HIM AND THAT TEZEL HAD SUGGESTED

THAT THESE MATTERS BE TAKEN UP WITH "TURKISH-CYPRIOT FEDERATED STATE" AUTHORITIES.

3. DCM SAID THAT HIS FEBRUARY 19 LETTER WAS ONE OF A SERIES OF COMMUNICATIONS THAT HAD BEEN ADDRESSED BY HIM FIRST TO MFA DIRGEN BATU AND SUBSEQUENTLY AT BATU'S
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SUGGESTION TO TEZEL, NOTIFYING MFA OF MATTERS RELATING

TO AMERICAN CITIZENS AND PROPERTIES IN THE TURKISH-HELD AREA OF CYPRUS. DCM INDICATED THAT REQUEST THAT THESE MATTERS NOW BE TAKEN UP WITH "TURKISH-CYPRIOIOT FEDERATED STATE" MIGHT WELL CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND THAT HE HOPED THAT GOT WOULD RECONSIDER MATTER BEFORE PUTTING SUCH A REQUEST TO US OFFICIALLY. DCM POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED BOTH BATU AND TEZEL THAT AMERICAN EMBASSY NICOSIA ROUTINELY NOTIFIED MR. DENKTASH, AS VICE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, OF THESE CASES SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THIS EMBASSY'S RAISING THEM WITH MFA IN ANKARA.

4. SOYLEMEZ, ON HEARING THIS, RATHER QUICKLY CLIMBED DOWN. HE SAID THAT SO LONG AS EMBASSY NICOSIA WAS PUTTING THESE MATTERS TO RESPONSIBLE TURKISH OFFICIALS ON THE ISLAND, "NO MATTER HOW YOU ADDRESS THEM," THIS WAS SATISFACTORY TO MFA. HE SUGGESTED THAT IN FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS ON SUCH CASES WE POINT OUT IN OUR LETTER TO MFA THAT DENKTASH AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE BEING SIMILARLY ADVISED BY EMBASSY NICOSIA.
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